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Re Application of: )  
Frank BONADIO et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3743  
Application No.: 10/600,812 ) Examiner: Dinnatia DOSTER GREENE  
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For: APPARATUS FOR USE IN )  
SURGERY AND A VALVE )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2005, the period for response having been extended to January 5, 2006, by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this Reply.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the claim amendments section of this Reply.

**Attachments** to this Reply include (A) fully executed Declaration of Denis McCarthy; (B) fully executed Declaration of Alan Reid; (C) fully executed Declaration of Frank Bonadio; (D) Order from Irish High Court; and (E) Copy of Irish Patent Application No. 930649.